ABOUT THE PENNSYLVANIA PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY
The Authority, an independent state agency established under the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act of 2002, collects and analyzes data reported through its Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System (PA-PSRS) and then provides strategies and lessons learned to healthcare facilities to improve safety and help prevent patient harm.

Learn more about the Authority at: http://patientsafety.pa.gov

DATA ANALYSIS
Collecting and analyzing patient safety events and near misses is the cornerstone of the Authority’s mission. Through the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System (PA-PSRS), the Authority collects, monitors, trends, and analyzes this data to identify opportunities for improvement, education, outreach, and research.

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS
Targeting specific clinical safety issues through focused collaborative efforts fosters rapid learning and spread of best practices, enables improvement locally and regionally, and enhances the outreach and connectedness of the patient safety community through peer support and encouragement.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION
Training and educating healthcare providers in patient safety and improvement is crucial to the Authority’s mission. Methods the Authority uses to disseminate new learning include webinars, conferences, and face-to-face interactions at facilities.

PATIENT SAFETY LIAISONS & INFECTION PREVENTIONISTS
Providing hands-on assistance to the healthcare providers who carry out the patient safety work is a valuable feature of the Authority’s mission. Patient Safety Liaisons and Infection Preventionists work directly with healthcare facility staff and afford them a personal contact with the Authority.

PENNSYLVANIA PATIENT SAFETY ADVISORY AND AUTHORITY WEBSITE
Translating the vast amount of patient safety data into usable information for front-line healthcare providers is a valuable service of the Authority. Through its Pennsylvania Patient Safety Advisory journal and website, the Authority provides continual analysis and guidance on patient safety event trends and best practices.
Strategic Plan 2017–2020

VISION
Safe healthcare for all patients

FOCUS ON IMPROVING DIAGNOSIS
Analyze internal and external data to identify trends
Update PA-PSRS to improve data capture
Lead an ED radiology collaborative
Expand educational offerings
Include focus on ambulatory clinics and practices

FOCUS ON THE PATIENT
Expand inclusion of patient perspective
Identify key topics
Educate patients on safe healthcare
Improve awareness of and access to resources

FOCUS ON LONG-TERM CARE
Identify key topics
Expand educational offerings
Lead an infection prevention collaborative

FOCUS ON EVALUATING THE REPORTING SYSTEM
Evaluate scope of patient safety events captured via PA-PSRS
Identify opportunities to improve data capture

We will continue to provide these foundational services to support our current and future work

Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System (PA-PSRS)
Toolkits
Data analysis
Advisories/recommendations
Facility contact and consultation
Patient Safety Liaisons & Infection Preventionists
Online and live education
Website
Collaborative learning

MISSION
Improve the quality of healthcare in Pennsylvania by collecting and analyzing patient safety information, developing solutions to patient safety issues, and sharing this information through education and collaboration.